

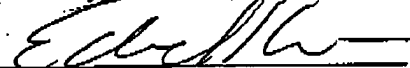
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 3, 2004. Claims 18, 20 to 22, 25 to 28, 30, 31, 41, 42, 45, 47, 51 and 52 remain pending in the application, with Claims 18, 30, 41 and 47 the independent claims herein, having been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 18, 20 to 22, 25 to 28, 30, 31, 41, 42, 45, 47, 51 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, the claims have been amended in accordance with the proposed amendments provided to, and discussed with the Examiner on December 1, 2004. In light of the Examiner's indication that the proposed amendments would overcome the § 112 rejections, it is believed that the entire application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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